GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVANTS – Prohibition & Excise Department – Allegations of Criminal Misconduct and Criminal conspiracy against Sri J.Ravi Kumar, the then Prohibition & Excise Inspector and 7 other Prohibition and Excise officials for their involvement in the Liquor Syndicate case of Visakhapatnam District - Accused Officers placed on their defence before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings - TDP framed charges - TDP Repealed - Case entrusted to Commissionerate of Inquiries – Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS(Retd), Member, CoI appointed as Inquiring Authority – Inquiry Report received- Charges held not proved against six officials – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 337 **Dated: 22-04-2025**

Read the following:

1. From the DG, ACB, Lr.Rc. No. 13/RCO-VSP/2012, Dated 19-10-2012.
2. Govt. Memo No.48014/VIG.V(2)/2012-1, dated 16-01-2013.
3. Govt. Memo No.48014/VIG.V(2)/2012-1, dated 29-06-2013.
4. Orders dated: 27-04-2021 of Hon'ble High Court of AP in WP No.8769 of 2021 filled by Sri Chintagada Dasu, P&E Superintendent, Visakhapatnam District.
5. Orders dated: 25.01.2022 of Hon'ble High Court of AP in WP No. 1493 of 2022 filed by Sri P.Sreemannarayana Rao, ACPE Enft, Visakhapatnam District
6. Act 29 of 2022 to repeal the Andhra Pradesh civil services (Disciplinary Proceedings Tribunal) Act, 1960 and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto published in AP Gazette, Part-IV-B Extrordinary No. 29, Amaravati, dt: 22.12.2022.
7. G.O.Ms.No.98, G.A. (Ser. E) Department, dt: 18.08.2022.
8. U.O.Note. No. 1878240/GAD/COI-R/2022-GA(COI) Dept., dt:29.11.2022.
9. Orders dated: 24-02-2023 of Hon'ble High Court of AP in WP No.16258 of 2021 filled by Sri K. Jayasimha Chowdary, AP&ES, Visakhapatnam District.
10. G.O.Rt.No.382, Revenue (Vig.IV)Department, dated 18.04.2023.
11. G.O.Rt.No.128, Revenue (Vig.IV) Department, dated 31.01.2024.
12. G.O.Rt.No.465, Revenue (Vig.IV) Department, dated 18.06.2024.
13. D.O.Lr.No.109/COI-RPT/2023, Dt.31.07.2023 received from Sri R.P.Takhur, Member, COI, GA Department.
14. G.O.Rt.No.863, Revenue (Vig.IV) Department, dated 06.12.2024.
15. Govt. Memo.No.48014/Vig.IV.2/2012, dt:16.02.2024.
16. Written explanations of six COs received on 06.03.2024, 06.03.2024, 11.03.2024, 11.03.2024, 13.03.2024.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, ACB, in his final report in Cr.No.3/RCO-VSP/2012, relating to the Visakhapatnam District Liquor Syndicate case, reported allegations of criminal misconduct and criminal

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conspiracy against certain Prohibition & Excise officials, and recommended in respect of Sri J.Ravi Kumar, Prohibition and Excise Inspector along with other Prohibition and Excise officials be placed on their defence before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings (TDP).

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Government placed the following accused officers on their defence before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings (TDP), and the TDP framed charges against them. The details are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the Accused Officer Sarvasri	Designation	Place	A.O. No.	TEC No.
1	J. Ravi Kumar	P&E Inspector, O/o (Enft)	Visakhapatnam	7	372/2013
2	K.Jayasimha Chowdary	APES	Visakhapatnam	9	373/2013
3	K.Lakshman Bhaskar	DC	Visakhapatnam	10	374/2013
4	Chintagada Dasu	P&EI	Visakhapatnam.IV	12	375/2013
5	D.Gopala Krishna	P&EI, ESTF	Visakhapatnam	13	376/2013
6	M.Adiseshu	PES	Visakhapatnam	14	377/2013
7	Ramavath Prasad	P&EI	Visakhapatnam-II	15	378/2013
8	D.Venkata Paramdama Reddy	P&EI	Sabbavaram, VSP	16	379/2013
9	P.Sreemannarayana Rao	ACPE Enft	Visakhapatnam	17	380/2013
10	S.Srinivasa Rao	P&EI	Bheemili, VSP	18	381/2013

3. Whereas in above Charged Officers; the Charged Officers Sri Chintagada Dasu, Sri P.Sreemannarayana Rao, and Sri K. Jayasimha Chowdary, had filed writ petitions before the Hon'ble High Court challenging their charge memos. In the references 4th, 5th and 9th read above, the Hon'ble High Court have passed orders, and accordingly, the Government in the references 11th, 12th and 14th read above, implemented the said orders and dropped further action against them.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Government repealed the TDP. Consequently, the cases pending before the TDP were transferred/allocated to the Commissionerate of Inquiries (CoI). In the reference 8th read above, the case pertaining to Sri J. Ravi Kumar and others was entrusted to Sri R.P. Thakur, IPS (Retd.), Member, CoI, for inquiry. Accordingly, Sri R.P. Thakur, IPS (Retd.) was appointed as the Inquiring Authority to conduct the inquiry against the above Charged Officers, except Sri Chintagada Dasu and Sri P. Sreemanarayana Rao, vide reference 10th read above.

5. In the reference 13th read above, the Inquiring Authority/ the Commissioner of Inquiries, G.A. (COI-RPT) Department has submitted inquiry report. After examining the findings, the Government decided to communicate a copy of the Inquiry Report to the Charged Officers. Accordingly, the same was communicated to all the Charged Officers vide reference 15th read above.

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6. And whereas the (6) Charged Officers viz., (1) Sri J. Ravi Kumar , P&E Inspector, O/o (Enft); (2) Sri K. Jayasimha Chowdary, APES; (3) Sri D. Gopala Krishna, P&EI (Task Force); (4) Sri M. Adiseshu, PES; (5) Sri D. Venkata Paramdama Reddy, P&EI; and (6) Sri S. Srinivasa Rao, P&EI whose charges were held not proved, have stated in their representations that they agreed with the findings of the Inquiring Authority and requested to drop further action against them in this case.

7. The Government, after careful examination of the matter, have decided to drop further action against five Charged Officers viz., (1) Sri J. Ravi Kumar, P&ES, (2) Sri Gopala Krishna, P&EI (Retd.) (3) Sri M. Adiseshu, PES (Retd.); (4) Sri D. Venkata Paramdama Reddy, P&EI (Retd); and (5) Sri S. Srinivasa Rao, PES, as the charges against them were not held proved in the inquiry. Accordingly, the Government hereby order to drop further action against the above said officials, in the departmental proceedings initiated against them.

8. The Director of Prohibition and Excise, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Guntur shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

MUKESH KUMAR MEENA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director, Prohibition and Excise, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Guntur.
Copy to:
The following Prohibition and Excise personnel's through the Director of Prohibition and Excise, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Guntur.
(i) Sri J. Ravi Kumar, PES
(ii) Sri D. Gopala Krishna, P&EI (Retd.)
(iii) Sri M. Adiseshu, PES (Retd.)
(iv) Sri D. Venkata Paramdama Reddy, P&EI (Retd.);
(v) Sri S. Srinivasa Rao, PES
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi, Guntur District.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, AP, Vijayawada.
The General Administration (COI) Department, A.P. Secretariat, Building No.5, Velgapudu, Guntur District.
The GP for Services-1, APHC, Amaravathi for information.
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